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# JANUARY 22, 2023 ~ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23

## SAINT BLAISE BLESSING ~ FEBRUARY 3

Sickness and suffering are mysteries that confront most Christians at some time in their lives. Believers cherish the stories of Jesus' tender concern for the poor and sick who sought to find relief and meaning in their struggles. The flesh-and-blood example of a long line of Christian witnesses whose faith sustained them in time of trial offers us hope when shadows darken our lives. Saint Blaise was such a person.

Blaise served as bishop of Armenia in the fourth century. Little is known about his life, but tradition tells us that he saved a small boy from choking on a fish bone. Because of this, his help is sought for those who are sick, especially those who are afflicted with illnesses of the throat. On **February 3, the feast of Saint Blaise**, the church continues its ministry to the sick with the blessing of throats as he prays, *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

Humbled by physical weakness and human limitations, we acknowledge our faith in God's protective love for all who call upon God's name.

The blessing of the throats at St. Alfred will take place on **Friday February 3 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

## WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

The World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2023. The Holy Father's message is entitled: "Taking care of him" - Compassion as a synodal exercise in healing. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites "all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them

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## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> is Coffee Sunday. Come and share a cup of coffee with fellow parishioners.

## Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow

Yesterday I met a stranger...

Today this stranger is my friend.

Yesterday would have turned into today and our chance meeting would be gone.

Yesterday I hugged someone very dear to me.

Today they are gone...

and tomorrow will not bring them back.

Wouldn't it be nice if we all knew tomorrow would be here? But this is not to be, so take

the time **today** to give a hug, a smile, an "I love you." Just for today... smile at a stranger, listen to

someone's heart, drop a coin where a child can find it ...learn something new, then

teach it to someone tell someone you're thinking of them hug a loved one.

Look a child in the eye and tell them how great they are.

Call someone, for no other reason than to just

say "hi...smell the rain, feel the breeze,

listen to the wind, use all your senses to

their fullest, cherish all your **today's**.

## Mark Your Calendars

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### WORKSHOP

Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>

from 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

ALL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to attend this mandatory workshop. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling the office 905-934-9703

### READERS WORKSHOP

Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>

from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ALL READERS are invited to attend this mandatory workshop. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling the office 905-934-9703

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Alfreds? We are looking for volunteers for our Counting Ministry. We currently have 6 teams that rotate once every 6 weeks to count the weekly collection. If you can donate an hour of your time your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 905-934-9703 if you're interested in more details."

## Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23- Sunday, January 29

Mon	Jan 23	~ 8:00 a.m.	Carole Langlois/ Donato Mancini
Tue	Jan 24	~ 8:00 a.m.	Mira Afonso/ Spiro Strafrace
Wed	Jan 25	~ 9:00 a.m.	Benito Marconi/ Blanche Van Omme
Thu	Jan 26	~ 8:00 a.m.	Mate Zekan/ Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Diaz
Fri	Jan 27	~ 8:00 a.m.	Maria Ferretti/ Luigi Ferretti
Sat	Jan 28	~ 8:30 a.m.	Gerry Holierhoek/ Julius Eibel Sr.
		~ 5:00 p.m.	Maria Costantini/ Chester Giancola
Sun	Jan 29	~ 7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
		~ 9:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Chirichiello/ Alessandro Castelli
		~ 11:30 a.m.	Salvatore Pilato/ Carole Langlois

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EDUCATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

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Supporting Niagara Catholic District School Board  
students in need and scholarships

Friday, March 3, 2023, Club Roma Event Centre, 6:00  
pm. Tickets \$100/person Online payment at  
www.niagaracatholic.ca or by cheque payable to the  
Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education

Mailing address 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ont. L3C 7C1 --  
Attention Anna Pisano

Please make payment by February, 24, 2023 (\$30 tax  
receipt upon request)

Individual tickets available or tables of eight or ten

For further information (905) 735-0240, ext. 214 or email  
linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

## Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

This new documentary film about Mother Teresa's life  
and work, as well as the organization and people  
carrying on her legacy in her name, will be playing on  
Monday, January 23, at 7:00pm, at Cineplex Odeon  
Niagara Square Cinemas (7555 Montrose Road, Niagara  
Falls) and Cineplex Cinemas Hamilton Mountain (795  
Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek). For tickets, go to:  
www.cineplex.com/movie/mother-teresa-no-greater-  
love

## III DOMENICA TEMPO ORDINARIO

22 gennaio 2023

### WORKSHOP DEI MINISTRI EUCARISTICI

sabato 4 febbraio

dalle 10:00 alle 13:30

TUTTI I MINISTRI EUCARISTICI sono invitati a  
partecipare a questo workshop obbligatorio. Si prega  
di RSVP chiamando l'ufficio 905-934-9703

### WORKSHOP DEI LETTORI

sabato 10 febbraio

dalle 10:00 alle 13:30

TUTTI I LETTORI sono invitati a partecipare a  
questo workshop obbligatorio. Si prega di rispondere  
tramite

chiamando l'ufficio 905-934-9703

### DOMENICA DELL'OSPITALITÀ

Domenica 29 Gennaio è la domenica  
dell'ospitalità, fermatevi dopo la messa per  
condividere un caffè con i vostri amici  
parrocchiani.

### 24 DOMANDE E RISPOSTE

Il giorno più bello? ~ Oggi.

L'ostacolo più grande? ~ La paura.

La cosa più facile? ~ Sbagliarsi

L'errore più grande? Rinunciare.

La radice di tutti i mali? ~ L'egoismo.

La distrazione migliore? ~ Il lavoro.

La sconfitta peggiore? Lo scoraggiamento.

I migliori professionisti? ~ I bambini.

Il primo bisogno? ~ Comunicare.

La felicità più grande? ~ Essere utili agli altri.

Il mistero più grande? ~ La morte.

Il difetto peggiore? ~ Il malumore.

La persona più pericolosa? ~ Quella che  
mentisce.

Il sentimento più brutto? ~ Il rancore.

Il regalo più bello? ~ Il perdono.

Quello indispensabile? ~ La famiglia.

La rotta migliore? La via giusta.

La sensazione più piacevole? La pace interiore.

L'accoglienza migliore? Il sorriso.

La miglior medicina? L'ottimismo.

La soddisfazione più grande? Il dovere  
compiuto.

La forza più grande? La fede.

Le persone più necessarie? I sacerdoti.

La cosa più bella del mondo? L'amore.

~ Madre Teresa